

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending in the present application before the preliminary amendment as set forth above. Among them, claims 3, 6-14, 17 and 20 were in the form of multiple dependent claims. By the preliminary amendment, claims 3, 6-14, 17 and 20 are amended.

In the preliminary amendment, as set forth above, claims 3 and 6-14 have been amended to be dependent only from claim 1, and claims 17 and 20 have been amended to be dependent only from claim 15.

Support for the preliminary amendment set forth above can be found in the claims and the disclosure as originally filed. The applicant asserts that no new matter is added.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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